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REFERENCE TO "IGANT", Elsa REISS, AND "RITCHIE" (1944)

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To VIKTOR. [1]

In a conversation with KANT [ii] Elsa REISS [RnJs] [iii] advised of the existence of "RITCHIE" [iv] which is known to you

[25 groups unrecovered]

on ABRAMOVICH's [v] recommendation. An officer of the ARSENAL [vi] told Elsa in confidence that the school is supposed to be training cadres for a new war. Elsa criticised "THE OLD MAN [STARIK]" [vii] for setting up a Fourth International considering this a futile business, a spurious-attempt to revive the old

[28 groups unrecovered]

all

[28 groups unrecoverable]

No. 4 [a]

MAY [MLJ] [viii]

[Note and Comments overleaf]

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Note: [a] Presumably the internal serial is 874. Since the internal serial of the preceding message is 872, it is likely that this message also contains internal serial no. 873.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] KJMT : Mark ZBOROVSKIJ.

[iii] Elsa REISS: Widow of Ignace REISS; also known as Elsa BERGMUT.

[iv] RITCHIE: Probably the Camp RITCHIE reported on in NEW YORK's No. 777-781 of 26th May 1943 (3/NBF/T908) and no. 893 of 10th June 1943 (3/NBF/T909).

[v] ABRAMOVICH: Presumably Rafael ABRAMOVICH, President of the Russian Social Democrats.

[vi] ARSENAL: U.S. War Dept.

[vii] OLD MAN: Lev Davidovich TROTSKY.

[viii] MAX: Probably Stepan Zakharovich APRETYAN, Soviet Vice Consul in NEW YORK.

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